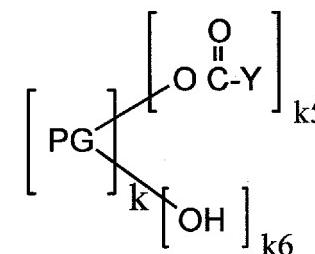


Amendments to the Specification

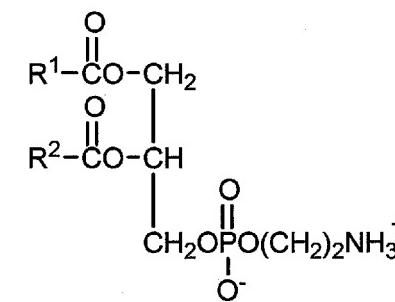
Please amend specification, as follows

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 5, line 18 (the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 5) to page 6, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention further provides a method for producing a phospholipid derivative represented by the formula (1) (~~except for a compound wherein k2 is 0~~), which comprises the step of reacting a polyglycerin derivative represented by the following formula (4):



wherein $[PG]_k$ represents a residue of polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of k , wherein k represent a number of 2 to 50, Y represents hydroxyl group or a leaving group, and k_5 and k_6 are numbers satisfying the following conditions: $1 \leq k_5 \leq (k+2)/2$, and $k_5 + k_6 = k + 2$, and a phospholipid represented by the following formula (5):



wherein R¹ and R² have the same meanings as those defined above. This method can be preferably performed in an organic solvent in the presence of a basic catalyst, more preferably at a temperature within the range of 20 to 90°C.

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 14, line 24 (the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 14) to page 15, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

As for the polyglycerin-modified phospholipid of the present invention, the phospholipid derivative of the formula (1) wherein k2 is 0, and the phospholipid derivative of the formula (1) wherein ~~k2 is not 0~~, and a and b are 0 can be easily synthesized by reacting a polyglycerin compound represented by the formula (4) with a phospholipid represented by the formula (5). In the polyglycerin compound represented by the formula (4), [PG]_k represents a residue of polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of k, wherein k represent a number of 2 to 50, Y represents hydroxyl group or a leaving group, and k₅ and k₆ are numbers satisfying the following conditions: $1 \leq k_5 \leq (k+2)/2$, and $k_5 + k_6 = k + 2$. In the polyglycerin compound represented by the formula (4), Y represents hydroxyl group or a leaving group. In the specification, the "leaving group" is a group which imparts to the polyglycerin compound reactivity with a phospholipid, and includes electron withdrawing groups and other groups. Specifically, examples of such a group include imidazole group, 4-nitrophenyloxy group, benzotriazole group, chlorine, methoxy group, ethoxy group, propyloxy group, carbonyloxycy-N-2-pyrrolidinone group, carbonyl- 2-oxyprymidine group,

N-succinimidyl group, pentafluorobenzoyl group, and the like. Among them, imidazole group, 4-nitrophenyloxy group, benzotriazole group, chlorine, and N-succinimidyl group are preferred, and N-succinimidyl group and 4-nitrophenyloxy group are particularly preferred.